



# Legal Services

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## **ABOUT REINTEGRATION**

**Demobilization is one of the most stressful periods of time for soldiers coming home. It is a time of mixed emotions: the soldier is happy to be coming home, but often finds that many things have changed or that there are new challenges back home.**

**Below are a list of common legal situations that returning soldiers may face:**



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## COMMON LEGAL SITUATIONS

- **PROBLEM #1** - Spouse has tried to file for divorce or wants to get a divorce.
- **SOLUTION** - The parties may want to negotiate a separation agreement.
  
- **PROBLEM #2** - A family member has passed away requiring administration of an estate.
- **SOLUTION** - Legal Assistance may be able to assist with administration or refer the soldier to someone who can.



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## COMMON LEGAL PROBLEMS CONTINUED

- **PROBLEM #3 - Bills have gone unpaid creating credit problems or repossession of property;**
- **SOLUTION - Obtain credit counseling from legal assistance. Sometimes, Legal Assistance also can negotiate with the creditors of soldiers who are behind. Also, Relief Societies are available to assist.**



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## COMMON LEGAL PROBLEMS CONTINUED

- **PROBLEM #4 - Civil lawsuits have been filed against a soldier that have not been defended properly.**
- **SOLUTION - Request a stay or postponement of the lawsuit pursuant to the SSCRA.**



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## COMMON LEGAL PROBLEMS CONTINUED

- **PROBLEM #5 - Soldier forgets or is unable to file taxes.**
- **SOLUTION - Soldiers who were deployed often can take advantage of extensions of time in which to file.**



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## OTHER LEGAL SITUATIONS

- **Returning soldiers will often need to come to Legal Assistance to revoke Powers of Attorney.**
- **Redeployment also may be a good time to update wills and advanced medical directives.**
- **RULE - if a soldier even perceives that there is a legal problem, then Legal Assistance should be contacted IMMEDIATELY.**